



130 6TH STREET WEST  
ROOM A  
COLUMBIA FALLS, MT 59912

PHONE (406) 892-4391

FAX (406) 892-4413

December 15, 2014

MT Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Attn. Jenny Chambers  
1100 N. Last Chance Gulch  
P.O. Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Dear Ms. Chambers:

Thank you for the information provided at the December 11<sup>th</sup> public meeting held in Columbia Falls to update the community on the status of contamination and clean up at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) site.

The Council encourages the listing of the site on the National Priorities List. The Council recognizes the importance of the process, particularly the completion of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.

The City Council, on behalf of the community, express their desire to see the site cleaned up, preventing the spread of groundwater contaminants. Providing clean, safe drinking water is important to the Council and to that end, the City has made significant investments in providing safe drinking water to the citizens of Columbia Falls. While the testing of the City's well have not revealed that the known contaminants from the CFAC site have made their way into the City's drinking water supply as of now, the City would not like to see cleanup and remedial action delayed until the City is faced with emergency measures to protect the City's water supply.

Also important, is the redevelopment of the CFAC site to provide long-term, sustainable employment and development in the community.

Please note the City Council's support of the listing of the CFAC site on the National Priorities List.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Barnhart, Mayor

**RECEIVED**

DEC 18 2014

Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Remediation Division